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RE: Proposed Sempra Energy Resources Facility Located near Arlington in Maricopa  
County and Arizona Corporation Commission Licensing  
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Dear Mr. Kunasek:

Our office recently reviewed a cultural resources survey report submitted on your behalf by Sempra Energy Resources, Inc. in regards to an application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility (CEC) for the above-referenced state undertaking. The purpose of this letter is to provide the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) with the State Historic Preservation Office's input concerning the proposed undertaking. As you know, it is the responsibility of the ACC to consult with our office regarding undertakings subject to ACC's review during the permitting or siting process that may potentially affect historic properties, pursuant to the State Historic Preservation Act of 1982, specifically A.R.S. § 41-863. I have reviewed the documents submitted and offer the following comments pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-864.

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### General Comments

The proposed undertaking is not well-defined at this time, and this office assumes that its area of potential effect is limited to the 440-acre parcel defined in the survey report. If the undertaking will involve the use of additional areas, further review by the office will be necessary.

The cultural resources survey identified two historical archaeological sites (i.e., AZ T:9:58 & 59 ASM) and 14 isolated artifact and/or feature occurrences. This office agrees that these cultural resources are not eligible for inclusion in the State Register of Historic Places. Therefore, we concur with the ACC's forthcoming determination of no historic properties affected for this undertaking.

Should any prehistoric or historic cultural features or deposits (including but not limited to human remains and/or funerary objects) be encountered during the course of any ground-disturbing activities associated with this undertaking work must cease in the immediate vicinity of the discovery and this office should be notified immediately pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-863, which includes post-review discoveries. If any human remains and/or funerary objects be encountered during this undertaking, work must also cease in the immediate vicinity of the discovery and the Director of the Arizona State Museum should be notified immediately pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-844 or 41-865 as appropriate.

If federal agencies are involved at later stages in the permit application process for this undertaking, they must consult with this office regarding the National Historic Preservation Act as implemented by 36 C.F.R. 800.

### Technical Comments

The survey report is detailed and well-written. The author has done an excellent job in presenting the archival research. In addition,

- 1) Figure 1, which is entitled Project Area Location and Findings, lacks four points labeled with UTM coordinates. This information is specifically requested by this office in the guidelines titled *SHPO Administrative Procedure Documentation Submitted for Review in Compliance with Historic Preservation Laws*. These points will be used to enter project-related information into the AZSITE database.
- 2) The abstract lacks the lead state or federal agency name and the name of the county where the project is located. This information is specifically requested by this office (see *SHPO Administrative Procedure Documentation Submitted for Review in Compliance with Historic Preservation Laws*) because it helps our review process. We file the cultural resources report by county.
- 3) Please mention in the report that the Southern Pacific Railroad line that runs through the property is a modern spur and not the 1926 Phoenix cut-off.
- 4) Please add Brown (1984), which is cited on page 3 of the report, to the references cited section.

I look forward to receiving a revised report for our files. We appreciate your cooperation with this office in considering the impacts of state undertakings on important cultural resources situated in Arizona. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (602) 542-7137 or electronically via [mbilsbarrow@pr.state.az.us](mailto:mbilsbarrow@pr.state.az.us).

Sincerely,



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